GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN WORKERS LIVING IN KUWAIT
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Indian workers living in Kuwait presently;

(b) whether Indian workers are deported from Kuwait every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether any agreement has been signed with the Government of Kuwait in this regard;and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) As per information furnished by Indian Mission in Kuwait,the number of Indian nationals working in Kuwait was 5,09,277 as on 01.07.2008.

(b) & (c): Some Indian workers are deported from Kuwait from time to time. Main reasons of deportation,inter-alia,are:expiry of residence visa,filing of`absconding`cases by sponsors,involvement in crime etc.In all such cases, the Indian nationals are detained by the local authorities and finally deported, after issuance of Emergency Certificates,as most of the deportees are not in possession of their passports.The number of Emergency Certificates issued during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	EC issued
2005	1029
2006	1354
2007	8234 (including 7411 issued under the Amnesty declared by the Government of Kuwait in 2007)
2008 (till date)	4538 (including 3590 issued under the amnesty declared by the Government of Kuwait in 2008)

(d) & (e): A Memorandum of Understanding on Labour,Employment and Manpower Development has been signed between India and Kuwait in April 2007, with the intention of strengthening cooperation in man-power development, facilitating mobilization and recruitment of man-power, exchanging expertise and experience in all related areas, and laying down the terms and conditions as well as rights and duties of the employer and the employee.Under the MOU, a Joint Working Group (JWG) has been set up for discussion on various labour related issues between the representatives of the two Governments.